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HORNE RELEASES ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS (AYP) FOR ARIZONA SCHOOLS

PHOENIX (EMBARGOED FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2008) -- Arizona Schools Chief Tom Horne today released Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results for districts and charters. AYP is a No Child Left behind (NCLB) requirement that measures data from the AIMS test and requires that 95 percent of the students in a school are tested, and takes into account attendance rate or graduation rate.

Horne stated: "Every three years, the percentage of students that must be proficient for schools to make AYP increases substantially. This was one of those three years, and we were fearful that the percentage of schools making AYP would decline. However, the percentage of schools making AYP held steady at 72 percent. While the goal is 100 percent of schools by 2014, the fact that the percentage held steady in a demanding year like this one is a positive development."

The number of schools that were evaluated for AYP: 1875; number of schools making AYP, 1356; number of schools not making AYP 516; and number pending, 3.

Horne added: "We are working hard to achieve 100 percent proficiency by 2014. Technical assistance will be provided by ADE school improvement coaches, to any school that has failed to make AYP for two years in a row. We are committed to ensuring that all schools in Arizona are successful."

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